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Attn: Ms. Susan R. Abbasi

Dear Ms. Abbasi:

I have received your letter inquiring about the participation of this Agency in the environment impact statement process. It is my understanding that this is being done in response to a request from the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Except for names of the individuals, which are omitted pursuant to law, I believe you will find all of the information that was requested.



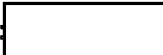
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MEMORANDUM

QUESTION: "1) Please identify the official in your agency or department with final responsibility for the environmental impact statement process, and provide his or her title and executive level or grade level."

ANSWER: The official with final responsibility is the Director of Logistics. He is a GS-18 who reports directly to CIA's Deputy Director for Administration.

"(a) Estimate the approximate amount of his or her time spent on this process."

ANSWER: As noted earlier, Agency activities have relatively little impact on the environment. The Director of Logistics' participation in the EIS process is predominantly related to new construction or facilities maintenance and operation activities within the Metropolitan Washington area (MWA). It is estimated that the time spent on these activities, plus being kept apprised of current activities in the national EIS processes, involves approximately one week per year or two percent of his time.

QUESTION: "2) Please identify the official in your agency or department with overall working responsibility on a full-time basis for the impact statement process, and provide his title and grade level."

ANSWER: The official responsible for working responsibility on a full-time basis is the Chief of the Real Estate and Construction Division (C/RECD), a GS-16.

"(a) Provide the number of professionals working directly under this official on the EIS process."

ANSWER: RECD is responsible for Agency facilities acquisition and maintenance and operations. Because CIA activities as affect the environment are very limited, only three or four members of RECD are involved in the EIS process and they are involved only on an as-required basis.

"(b) What percentage of these professionals' time, roughly, is spent on EIS preparations; what percentage on EIS review?"

ANSWER: It is estimated that 1/2 man-year is spent annually on the EIS process. The majority of this time is spent in reviewing correspondence from the Council on Environmental Quality or the Environmental Protection Agency in order to keep current with regulatory requirements.